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World!

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# EDEN

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It's an Endless World!



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...THE  
WHOLE  
WORLD  
BELONGED  
TO ME.



WHEN  
I WAS  
STILL  
JUST A  
KID...

...I'VE BEGUN  
TO REALIZE  
THAT I'M  
NOTHING BUT  
A SINGLE  
'FRAGMENT'  
CREATED  
BY THE  
WORLD.



BUT  
NOW  
THAT  
I'M  
FIFTEEN  
...

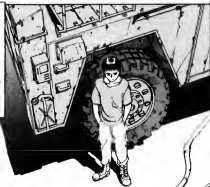
...AND  
POWER-  
LESS.



SO  
VERY  
TINY...

...I HAVE  
NO DOUBT  
THAT  
THE WORLD  
WOULD BE  
MISSING  
THAT TINY  
FRAGMENT  
OF ITSELF.

BUT  
IF I  
WERE  
TO  
DIE...



## Chapter 5 / Fragment of the World

YUP, THAT'S THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WITH AN INDEPENDENTLY OPERATING AI.

"FRAME SYSTEM" ...?

AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

HOWEVER, THIS IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR AN AI TO DO UNDER PRESSURE.

FOR SOME REASON, HUMANS ARE ABLE TO LIMIT THEIR PERCEPTIONS TO THOSE THINGS THAT CONCERN THEM DIRECTLY.

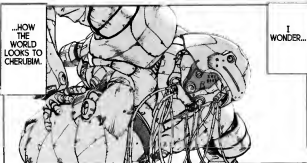
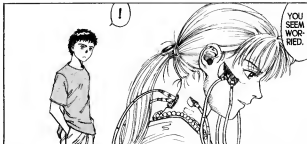
IF WE HAD TO RESPOND TO EVERY PIECE OF INFORMATION THAT WE SAW OR HEARD, WE'D SNAP.

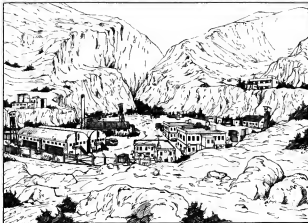
HUMAN BEINGS ARE ABLE TO RESTRICT THEIR AWARENESS TO THE THINGS WHICH AFFECT THEM...AND IGNORE THOSE WHICH DON'T, RIGHT?

YOU'RE IN FOR A BIG MESS IF YOU JUST THROW IT INTO COMBAT WITHOUT ONE.

IN THE CASE OF AN AI YOU NEED TO FIRST SET UP A FRAME THAT SORTS OUT INFORMATION.







THEY'VE GOT FIELD  
OPERATION  
SPECIAL  
VEHICLES AND  
POWERED  
SUITS. PRETTY  
FUCKIN' NICE  
FOR MOUNTAIN  
GUERRILLAS!

WELL, THIS IS A  
MAJOR  
WAY  
STATION  
FOR THE  
CARTEL'S  
DRUG  
ROUTES.



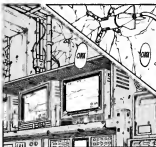
LOOKS LIKE  
THEY'VE GOT  
ABOUT TWO  
PLATOONS  
WORTH OF  
FIREPOWER.

WELL?  
?













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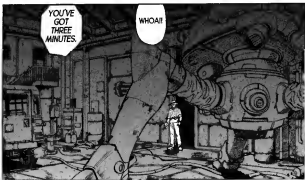




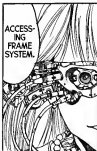


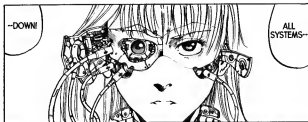








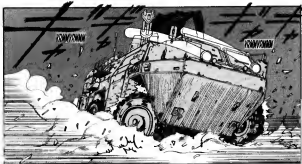




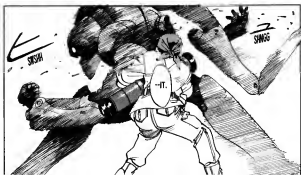
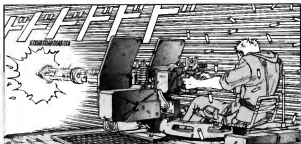












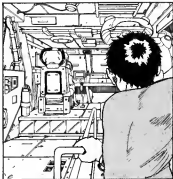






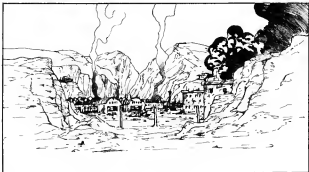


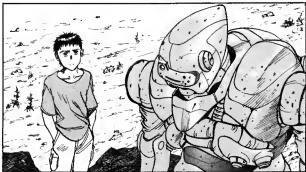




HE'S  
FINISHED.

THERE.  
NOW.







FRONT LINES?  
FOR WHAT?

BOTH OF THEIR  
VILLAGES WERE  
BURNED DOWN IN  
THE NAME OF  
ETHNIC CLEANSING...  
AND IT LOOKS LIKE  
THEY WERE BEING  
FORCED TO THE  
FRONT LINES.



YOU  
SURE WE  
SHOULDN'T  
KILL THEM?



...

TO BE  
COMFORT  
WOMEN.

FUCKIN'  
ASS-  
HOLES!



WHAT  
?

COLONEL  
?

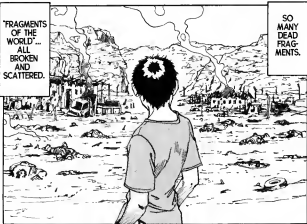


ETHNIC  
CLEANSING  
...

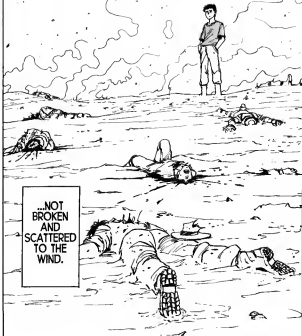
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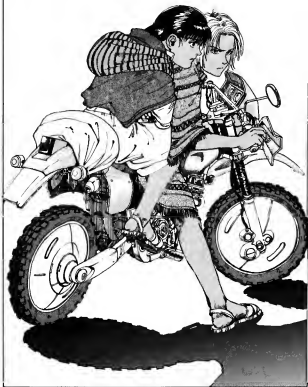


I WANT  
TO BE  
A PART  
OF THE  
WORLD...



...NOT  
BROKEN  
AND  
SCATTERED  
TO THE  
WIND.

**Chapter 6 / Today,  
Tomorrow, Someday**









THEY  
WOULD'VE  
KICKED  
MY ASS  
FOR EVEN  
OPENING  
MY MOUTH  
IN THE  
TRUCK.

IT'S  
HELENA.

UHM..  
EXCUSE ME,  
BUT I STILL  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOUR  
NAME IS.



THERE ARE  
GUERRILLAS  
CRAWLING  
ALL OVER  
THE  
VILLAGES

BUT  
WHAT  
WILL  
WE DO  
WHEN  
WE GET  
DOWN?



OKAY,  
KACHUA,  
SHOW US  
THE WAY  
DOWN THIS  
MOUNTAIN

I'M  
KACHUA  
I



IF  
THEY'RE  
ALIVE,  
YOU'LL  
SEE THEM  
AGAIN!

QUIT  
BEING SO  
PESSIMISTIC!

...AND I  
DON'T KNOW  
WHERE MY  
FATHER OR  
MOTHER  
ARE ANY-  
MORE--



BUT  
MAYBE  
THEY'RE  
ACTUALLY  
GOOD  
PEOPLE...

...



ANYWAY,  
WE'VE  
GOTTA  
PUT SOME  
DISTANCE  
BETWEEN  
US AND  
THEM.

'CAUSE  
THERE'S  
NO WAY  
THEY'RE  
INTENDING  
TO JUST  
LET US  
LIVE.



BUT...THEY  
GAVE US  
ALL THE  
FOOD AND  
BLANKETS  
WE  
WANTED--

IT'S  
PRACTICALLY  
A MIRACLE  
THEY DIDN'T  
JUST KILL  
US ON  
SIGHT!

ARE  
YOU  
STUPID  
?!



SHE WAS  
WITH ME IN  
THE TRUCK.  
REMEMBER?  
A FELLOW  
PRO?

GLORIA  
?



THOSE  
BASTARDS  
DIDN'T EVEN  
THINK TWICE  
ABOUT  
KILLING  
GLORIA!

WILL YOU  
QUIT WITH  
THE "BUT  
THIS" AND  
"BUT THAT"  
BUSINESS  
?

BUT--



SHE WAS  
CONSTANTLY  
GIVING ME A  
HARD TIME  
'CAUSE SHE WAS  
JEALOUS I HAD  
MORE REGULARS.  
SHE WAS A  
PETTY BITCH!

UHH..  
NO.

SHE  
WAS YOUR  
FRIEND?



WHO'S  
GOING TO  
PUNISH  
ME? THE  
SUN GOD?  
JESUS?

...THAT'S  
RIGHT!

OR  
WHAT?  
I'LL BE  
PUNISHED  
?

YOU  
KNOW, YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
TALK ABOUT  
THE DEAD  
THAT WAY!



YOUR  
SO-CALLED  
GOD'S NOT  
GONNA  
SOLVE  
ANYTHING  
JUST BY  
HANDING  
OUT  
PUNISH-  
MENTS!

HAI!

DON'T  
YOU  
BELIEVE  
IN GOD?

...





FAITH ISN'T ABOUT SALVATION!

LOOK, I GREW UP IN THE CITY, AND I JUST DON'T GET IT!



FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T PUT MY FATE IN THE HANDS OF GOD, HOPING FOR SALVATION THROUGH BLIND FAITH!



BUT WHAT IF THEY HAVE TAKEN CONTROL THERE, TOO?

THEN WE'LL CROSS THE ANDES ON OUR OWN.



ANYWAY, THE GUERRILLAS' INFLUENCE WON'T REACH AS FAR AS MACHU PICCHU, I GUESS.

WE'LL FIND ALLIES THERE.



BUT THAT'LL BE IMPOSS--

AW, CAN IT?





...TO PEEK  
AT THEIR  
SATELLITE  
DATA.

I'M GOING  
THROUGH  
PROPATER'S  
SERVER  
IN MIAMI...



PROPATER'S  
AEON  
STANDING  
ARMY IS  
CROSSING  
THE BOLIVIAN  
BORDER AS  
WE SPEAK.

THEY'RE  
ON THEIR  
WAY!



UNDER-  
STOOD  
!

SET OUR  
ECMs TO  
REMOTE  
CONTROL  
MODE AND  
CLEAR THE  
HELL OUT OF  
THERE.



WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO? IF  
I KEEP  
GOING,  
THEY'LL  
TRACE  
US.

SOONER  
THAN WE  
EXPECTED  
!











IT WAS AN  
IRRIGATION  
CANAL  
BUILT BY MY  
ANCESTORS!

BUT...WHY  
IS THERE A  
WATER WELL UP  
HERE, ANYWAY?  
UP IN THE  
MOUNTAINS IN  
THE MIDDLE OF  
NOWHERE?



NOTHING  
EVER  
CHANGES.

WE WERE  
CONQUERED  
BY SPAIN SO  
LONG AGO.  
NOW THE  
SAME  
THING'S  
HAPPENED.  
HASN'T  
IT?



THE PEOPLE  
OF MY TRIBE  
ARE  
DESCENDANTS  
OF THE INCAS.

YOUR  
ANCEST-  
ORS?



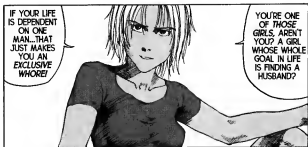
THAT DOESN'T  
JUSTIFY THEM  
FORCING US  
TO WORK THE  
COCA FIELDS  
AND--

IT CUTS  
BOTH  
WAYS!

YEAH, BUT  
THE INCAN  
EMPIRE  
CONQUERED  
LOTS OF  
OTHER  
PEOPLES  
IN TIMES  
OF WAR.  
DIDN'T  
THEY?







IF YOUR LIFE  
IS DEPENDENT  
ON ONE  
MAN...THAT  
JUST MAKES  
YOU AN  
EXCLUSIVE  
WHORE!

YOU'RE ONE  
OF THOSE  
GIRLS, AREN'T  
YOU? A GIRL  
WHOSE WHOLE  
GOAL IN LIFE  
IS FINDING A  
HUSBAND?



DON'T YOU  
THINK ABOUT  
MORE THAN  
LOOKING  
DOWN  
ON MEN  
AND USING  
THEM?!

WHAT ARE  
YOU SAYING?  
YOU'VE  
TOTALLY LEFT  
OUT THE  
QUESTION  
OF LOVE.



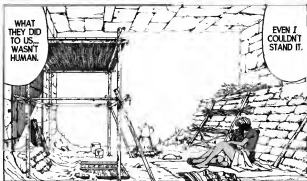
A PROSTITUTE  
EARNS HER  
OWN LIVING.  
IT'S A  
NOBLE AND  
HONORABLE  
PROFESSION...  
AND THE  
DEMAND  
IS ALWAYS  
HIGH.

I DON'T  
WANNA BE A  
"WIFE"—  
SOMEBODY'S  
POSSESSION  
FOR MAKING  
BABIES.



HOW DID  
THOSE MEN  
BACK THERE  
TREAT YOU?  
HUH? GO ON—  
TELL ME!

OH!! YOU  
HAVE SUCH  
GREAT  
EXPECTATIONS  
OF MEN,  
DO YOU?!







...AND SHE WAS EXILED. SHE ENDED UP IN LIMA.

SHE ENDED UP PREGNANT WITH THE CHILD OF A LAND-OWNER...



...WAS BORN AROUND HERE.

MY GRAND-MOTHER...



THEN MOTHER AND CHILD BECAME A PERFECT PAIR OF PROSTITUTES! DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU WANNA LAUGH?

THAT'S WHERE MY MOTHER WAS BORN.



JUST LIKE YOU SAID BEFORE.

BUT NOTHING EVER CHANGED.



...AND MOVE ALL THREE GENERATIONS TO AMERICA AND OPEN A RESTAURANT.

SHE ALWAYS SAID THAT HER DREAM WAS TO SETTLE OUR DEBTS...

...BUT THOSE  
KIDS JUST  
END UP  
ON THE  
SAME PATHS  
AS THEIR  
PARENTS.

THAT'S WHAT  
EVERYONE  
THINKS.  
WORKING  
THEMSELVES  
TO DEATH..

I  
WANT MY  
CHILDREN  
TO HAVE  
A GOOD  
LIFE. AT  
LEAST."

NOW,  
THAT'LL  
NEVER  
COME  
TRUE.

THEIR DREAM  
WAS THAT  
ALL THREE  
GENERATIONS  
WOULD FIND  
HAPPINESS,  
SOMEDAY.

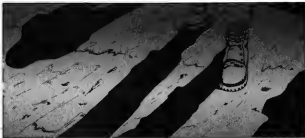
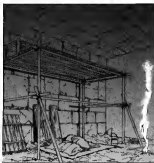
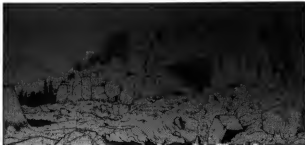
...AND  
BOTH  
ENDED UP  
DYING IN THE  
PLAGUE.

MY MOM  
AND MY  
GRAND-  
MOTHER  
NEVER DID  
MAKE IT  
OUT OF  
THAT PILE  
OF SHIT...

I MAY NOT  
BELIEVE IN  
ANYTHING  
LIKE "GOD"...

BUT,  
KACHUA,  
LISTEN...











IT'S  
LATE-NIGHT  
QUIZ TIME!

GOOD  
EVENING!



...CAUSE IF  
YOU DON'T,  
YOU'LL HAVE  
YOUR FINGERS,  
TOES, EYES,  
AND EARS BLOWN  
OFF WITH 5.7 MM  
SOFT-NOSED  
BULLETS!

AND  
YOU'D  
BETTER  
ANSWER  
QUICK...

## Chapter 7 / Powerless





--YOU WILL  
NOT DIE,  
UNTIL YOU'VE  
ANSWERED  
ALL OF OUR  
QUESTIONS.

LET ME  
MAKE  
THIS  
CLEAR--



...THEN  
YOU'LL  
TRY TO  
REMEMBER  
EVERY  
SINGLE  
DETAIL!

IF YOU  
WANT  
YOUR  
DEATHS  
TO BE  
EASY...

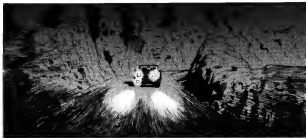






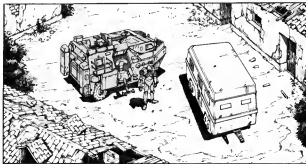




















...WE'LL  
SET YOU  
FREE.

NOTHING.  
ONCE WE  
GET OVER  
THE  
ANDES...



...WE  
HAVE  
YOUR  
GUARANTEE  
YOU WON'T  
KILL US?

AND  
AFTER  
WE HELP  
YOU OUT...

IN ORDER TO  
DO THAT, WE  
NEED THE  
HELP OF  
SOMEONE  
WHO KNOWS  
THE LAND.

BEFORE  
THAT, THOUGH, WE  
NEED TO SET  
AN AMBUSH  
FOR OUR  
ENEMIES.



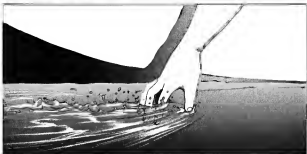
...ELIJAH.

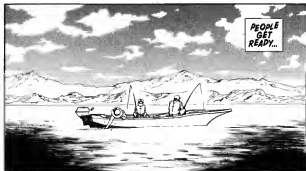
WELL,  
THAT  
DEPENDS  
ON THE  
BOY...







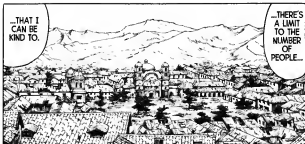












...THAT I  
CAN BE  
KIND TO.

...THERE'S  
A LIMIT  
TO THE  
NUMBER  
OF  
PEOPLE...



OKAY!

HOW'D  
IT  
GO?



SO, I  
GUESS THE  
NEXT THING IS  
TO GET READY  
TO GREET  
OUR FOES!

GOOD.









WELL, I  
JUST THOUGHT  
I SHOULD  
COME  
AND SAY  
THANK YOU.

IS IT  
OKAY FOR  
YOU TO BE  
AWAY FROM  
THE WAITING  
POINT?



I USE  
MY  
MOTHER'S  
NAME  
NOW.

IT'S  
ELIJAH  
MAYALL  
!

IS THAT  
RIGHT,  
ELIJAH  
BALLARD  
?

I HEARD YOU  
AND THE  
COLONEL CUT  
A DEAL...WITH  
THE CONDITION  
THAT HE  
WOULDN'T  
KILL US.



BUT I'M  
SURPRISED  
TO SEE...

OHH!



...IS IN  
A PLACE  
LIKE  
THIS.

!

...THAT THE  
SON OF THE  
BOSS OF  
SOUTH  
AMERICA'S  
BIGGEST  
DRUG  
CARTEL...



...I  
GREW  
UP  
IN?

YOU KNOW  
WHAT KINDS  
OF SLIMS  
AND  
GHETTOS...



...



...TO MAKE  
THEM ALL  
EXCITED IN  
THE SACK,  
SEE?

ALL  
THE YOUNG  
MEN THERE  
GET THEIR  
GIRLFRIENDS  
USING DRUGS...



AND THEN...

SO THEY SEND THEIR WOMEN OUT TO STAND ON THE STREET.



...THEY'LL DO ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING FOR IT.

WHEN THE WOMEN GET HOOKED ON THE DRUGS...



...

ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING.



IF THEY DO VERY WELL, AFTER A WHILE THEY MIGHT BECOME THE HEAD OF THEIR OWN PROSTITUTION RING.

...SUDDENLY THE GUYS BECOME PUMPS, WITHOUT HAVING TO MOVE A MUSCLE.



...

THE STUFF YOUR FATHER SELLS, RIGHT?



...THAT'S WHAT KILLED A LOT OF MY FRIENDS IN THE BUSINESS.

HEROIN, COCAINE...



...THE  
GUERRILLAS  
EXPLOITED  
THE INDIOS  
IN THE COCA  
FIELDS...

THEN, ONCE  
THEY CAME  
TO THE  
MOUNTAINS...



YOU WERE  
RAISED  
SO  
BIG AND  
STRONG...



...THEY'D  
RAPE THEM  
TO WHILE  
AWAY THE  
TIME.

...AND  
WHEN THEY  
FOUND  
PRETTY  
YOUNG  
GIRLS LIKE  
KACHUA...



YOUR  
FATHER  
MUST BE  
AWFULLY  
PROUD!

...THANKS  
TO THE  
SACRIFICE  
OF GIRLS  
LIKE HER.



SHAM  
スラム



I'M  
POWERLESS  
TO DO  
ANYTHING  
MYSELF.

...FOR  
ALL THE  
PEOPLE IN  
THE WORLD  
TO FIND  
HAPPINESS.



THAT'S  
WHY  
I PRAY  
TO GOD...





Chapter 8 / Hostages

...HANNAH  
BALLARD.

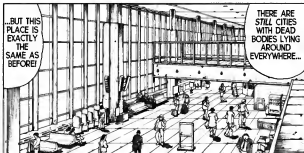
WE POLICE  
ARE QUITE  
COMPLEX  
IN MANY  
WAYS,  
TOO...





...BUT THIS  
PLACE IS  
EXACTLY  
THE  
SAME AS  
BEFORE!

THERE ARE  
STILL CITIES  
WITH DEAD  
BODIES LYING  
AROUND  
EVERYWHERE...



THEY SAY  
IT WAS  
THE  
BIGGEST  
DISASTER  
SINCE THE  
BLACK  
PLAGUE!

WAS IT  
REALLY  
THAT BAD,  
LENNY?



...FROM  
THE  
AFTER-  
EFFECTS.

A GREAT  
NUMBER  
OF  
PEOPLE  
ARE STILL  
SUFFER-  
ING...



WITH  
HARDENED  
TISSUE  
COULDN'T  
GO BACK  
TO THE  
WAY THEY  
WERE.

EVEN  
AFTER  
THE  
SPREAD  
OF THE  
CLOSURE  
VIRUS WAS  
CONTAINED,  
INFECTED  
PEOPLE...









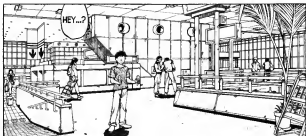


















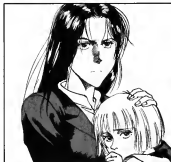






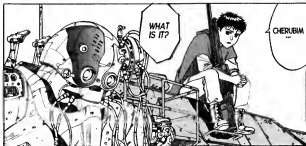
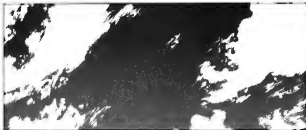










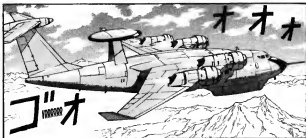


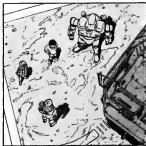












NOMAD: AN ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION WHICH DOES NOT OWN ANY TERRITORY AND OFFERS MILITARY POWER AS ITS PRIMARY COMMODITY. UNLIKE A TYPICAL WORK-FOR-HIRE, MERCENARY GROUP, IT POSSESSES ITS OWN CHARACTERISTIC (GUEP) SYSTEM, RHIZOMERS FROM "RHIZOME," AN UNDERGROUND ROOT-LIKE STEM, THE COMBAT UNITS OF NOMAD.



PGMS: PRECISION GUIDED MUNITIONS



WELL, YES...  
ACCORDING  
TO  
TRADITION.

DOES THIS  
TEMPLE  
REALLY  
CONTINUE  
ON  
UNDER-  
GROUND?

THAT'S  
WHY IT'S  
PERFECT!  
OUR ENEMIES  
WON'T KNOW  
ABOUT IT,  
EITHER!

BUT INSIDE  
IT'S ALL  
COBWEB-  
FILLED  
MAZES, SO  
NO ONE EVER  
GOES IN  
HERE.

OKAY  
!

HERE  
WE  
GO!

BUT WHAT  
IF WE  
CAN'T GET  
OUT OF  
THERE  
BEFORE  
THEY GET  
HERE?

CHUCK

WE'VE  
GOT THE  
LATEST  
TECHNOLOGY  
COVERING  
US!

## Chapter 9 / Substitution





OH!!...

SAY

SAY



...I  
SEE.



SOPHIA,  
HOW'S  
IT  
THERE?

...

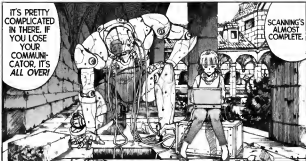


IT'S A  
GOOD  
THING FOR  
US YOU  
KNOW  
YOUR  
ROOTS,  
KACHUA.

SO  
THAT'S  
A  
SECRET  
INCAN  
TUNNEL!



IT'S PRETTY  
COMPLICATED  
IN THERE. IF  
YOU LOSE  
YOUR  
COMMUNI-  
CATOR, IT'S  
ALL OVER!



SCANNING'S  
ALMOST  
COMPLETE.

I'LL PUT  
DOWN  
MARKERS AND  
THEN HAND  
OVER THE  
NAVIGATION TO  
CHERUBIM, TO  
GIVE MYSELF  
A BREAK.



THERE  
ARE  
SEVEN  
EXITS  
ALONG  
THE  
WAY.

LET'S  
MOVE!

OKAY  
!



GOT  
IT.













GOD  
DEFINITELY  
EXISTS.

ABSOLUTELY  
NOT!



...TRYING  
TO LIVE A  
COMPLETE  
EXISTENCE  
ALL BY  
HIMSELF.

THIS ONE  
GOD WENT  
CRAZY...

??



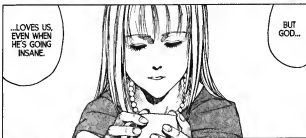
WITH THE  
BIBLE AND  
THE KORAN,  
ONE GOD  
WAS MADE  
TO LIVE  
ALL ALONE.

A LONG  
TIME AGO,  
HUMANS  
AND GODS  
SUPPORTED  
EACH OTHER.



...TO WHAT  
HE HAS  
TO SAY  
ANYMORE.

SO  
NOWADAYS  
NO ONE  
LISTENS...

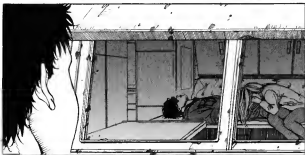










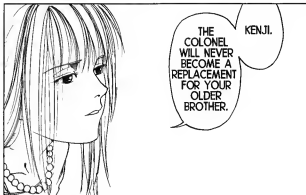




















...I'LL END  
UP DOING  
THE SAME  
THING, TOO.

AND  
IF THE  
COLONEL  
DIES...



I'LL FIND  
SOMEONE  
NEW TO  
REPLACE MY  
BROTHER.



YOU  
ALL RIGHT,  
NOW?

KENJI

YES,  
SIR.



SUCH  
A POOR  
CHILD...





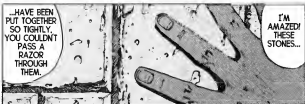
ACTING  
LIKE A  
MOTHER...

...AND I'M  
SUCH A  
SELFISH  
WOMAN.



...LAID  
DOWN A  
SINGLE ONE  
OF MY OWN  
CHILDREN  
IN MY  
LAP...

...WHEN  
I NEVER  
EVEN...



...HAVE BEEN  
PUT TOGETHER  
SO TIGHTLY,  
YOU COULDN'T  
PASS A  
RAZOR  
THROUGH  
THEM.

I'M  
AMAZED!  
THESE  
STONES...

MODERN-  
DAY  
CONSTRUC-  
TIONS ARE  
NOTHING  
COMPARED  
TO THIS!

IT'S  
GONNA  
TAKE  
SOME  
TIME TO  
BLOW  
IT OPEN.



OH?  
REALLY  
?

HEY,  
NOW!  
YOU SEEM  
TO BE  
ENJOYING  
THIS!



...BUT IT  
NEVER  
ONCE  
CAME  
DOWN.

THERE  
HAVE  
BEEN SO  
MANY  
EARTH-  
QUAKES  
...



...EIGHT MEN AND  
WOMEN WERE  
BORN OUT OF A  
CAVE--A PLACE  
LIKE THIS--AND  
THEY FOUNDED  
THE INCA  
DYNASTY.

IN OUR  
MYTH-  
OLOGIES  
...





IT'S ALL  
FICTION  
BASED ON  
WOMB  
IMAGES,  
RIGHT?

WE CALL  
THE CAVE PACA-  
RYTAMBO... THE  
LODGING PLACE  
OF THE ORIGIN.  
THE MOUNTAIN  
WAS TAMBO  
TOGO... PLACE  
OF THE HOLE.



...WHAT  
ASTONISHES  
ME IS THAT  
A NATION  
EXISTED WITH  
THIS KIND OF  
ENGINEERING  
TECHNOLOGY..

...EVEN  
IN  
ANCIENT  
TIMES!

DEED



YEAH,  
WELL...

YOU  
DON'T  
MINCE  
YOUR  
WORDS,  
DO  
YOU?



WERE  
YOU IN  
THE  
ARMY?



THAT'S  
WHAT I  
DO.

BUT  
YOU'RE  
GOING  
TO  
BLOW  
IT UP,  
RIGHT?



YOU  
TRIED  
TO QUIT...?

UH...



YEAH.  
I TRIED  
TO QUIT  
ONCE.

...BUT  
THIS IS  
THE ONLY  
THING I'M  
GOOD  
AT.



BUT YOU  
SNEERED  
AT IT  
BEFORE! YOU  
SAID IT WAS  
FICTION!

NO, I'M  
VERY  
INTERESTED



TELL ME  
MORE ABOUT  
INCA  
MYTHOLOGY,  
INSTEAD.

CAN'T

...FORGET  
ABOUT  
MY  
PERSONAL  
HISTORY.



MY  
HEART IS  
DELICATE,  
LIKE THIS  
FUSE.

SO DON'T  
TELL  
ANY SAD  
STORIES.  
OKAY?

MAYBE  
YOU'RE  
ACTUALLY  
SCARED OF  
BEING  
ALONE  
IN THE  
DARK?





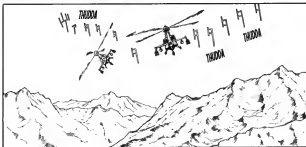
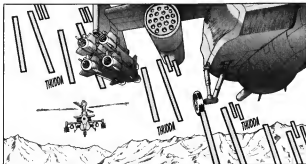








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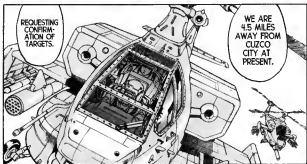
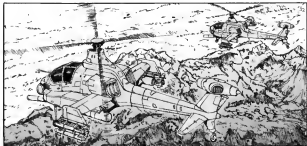


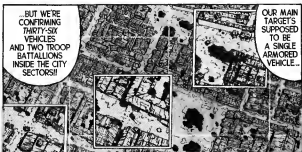










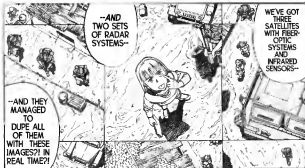






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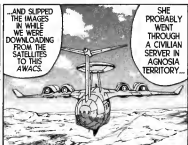
THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE FOOLS OF US...



--AND TWO SETS OF RADAR SYSTEMS--

WE'VE GOT THREE SATELLITES WITH FIBER-OPTIC SYSTEMS AND INFRARED SENSORS--

--AND THEY MANAGED TO DUPE ALL OF THEM WITH THESE IMAGES?! IN REAL TIME?!



AWACS- AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM.





I'LL MELT  
THEIR I.C.E.,  
AND HER  
PRECIOUS  
SHIELDS  
WILL BE  
USELESS!

NEXT,  
SCAN FOR  
THE ENEMY  
USING ONLY  
THE RADAR  
ON THIS  
AIRCRAFT.



TRAVIS  
TO  
ATTACK  
CHOPPERS!

I'M ABOUT  
TO CLEAR  
THE DUMMY  
IMAGES!



YOU'LL  
ONLY  
HAVE A  
MOMENT--  
DON'T  
LET THEM  
ESCAPE!



LOOK  
ON AND  
FIRE AT  
WILL!

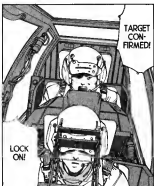
WHEN  
THE  
NUMBER OF  
TARGETS  
IS  
REDUCED  
TO ONE...





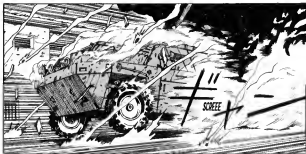


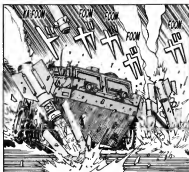
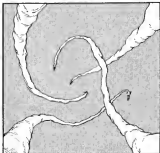














YOU  
SON  
OF A  
BITCH!!



...AND  
DEFUSED  
THEM?!

SHE RAN  
A BUG  
THROUGH  
THE  
MISSILE  
GUIDANCE  
SYSTEM...





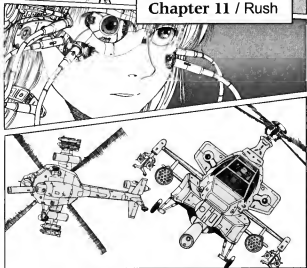


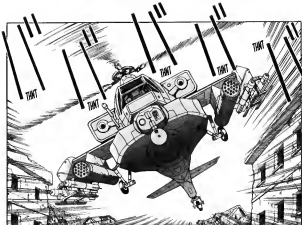


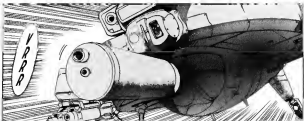


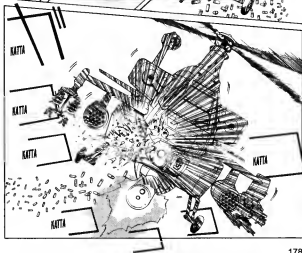
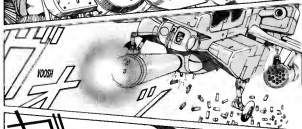


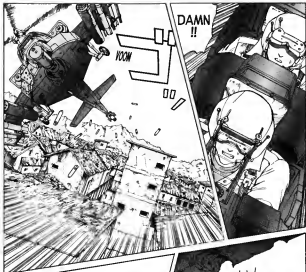
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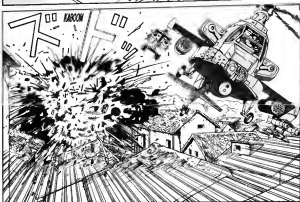




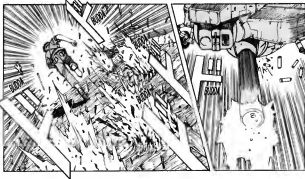






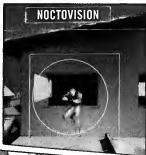


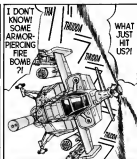


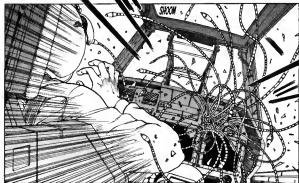












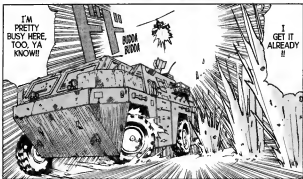






TAKE  
CARE OF  
THE OTHER  
ONE.

SOPHIA!



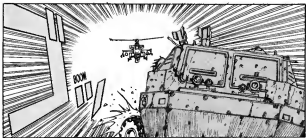
I'M  
PRETTY  
BUSY HERE,  
TOO. YA  
KNOW!!

I  
GET IT  
ALREADY  
!!

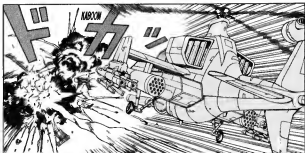


WOMEN  
HAVE  
TO DO  
EVERYTHING  
!!

THEY  
NEVER DO  
ANYTHING FOR  
THEMSELVES  
!!









...



BOTH  
ATTACK  
HELI-  
COPTERS  
...

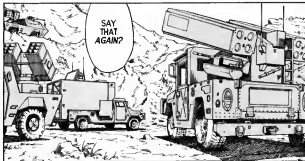
...HAVE  
BEEN  
BROUGHT  
DOWN.



YES,  
SIR!

HUH?

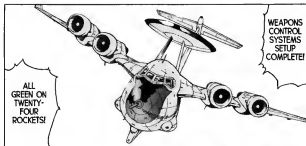
CONNECT  
ME TO  
THE  
GROUND  
UNITS!



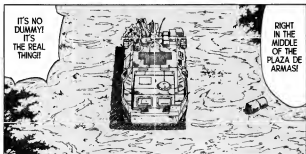








ALL  
GREEN ON  
TWENTY-  
FOUR  
ROCKETS!





TRAVIS!



CAN  
YOU HEAR  
ME?

THAT'S  
YOU,  
ISN'T  
IT?



SO I'M  
READY  
TO TAKE  
YOU  
HEAD  
ON!

YOU'RE  
NOT  
USED TO  
WORKING  
WITH  
PRECISION,  
ARE YOU?



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
UP TO,  
SOPHIA?

...



YOU THINK  
YOU CAN  
AVOID  
ATTACKS...

...FROM  
TWENTY-FOUR  
MISSILES ALL  
AT ONCE?



I'LL BREAK  
ALL YOUR  
FUCKIN' PUNY,  
LIMP-DICK  
MISSILES  
IN TWO!

YOU  
IMPOTENT  
SON OF  
A BITCH!!



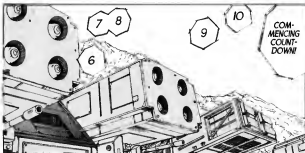
I'LL KEEP  
ALL TWENTY-  
FOUR IN  
CONSTANT  
RANDOMIZA-  
TION.

HAND OVER  
ALL THE  
GUIDANCE-  
SYSTEM  
ENCRYPTION  
DATA  
TO ME!

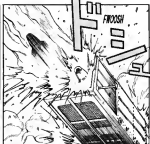


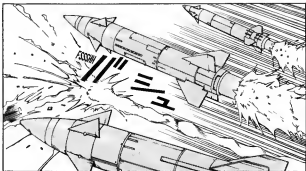
OH,  
GOOD.

THEN  
THE TWO  
OF US  
WILL  
SETTLE  
THIS!

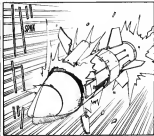




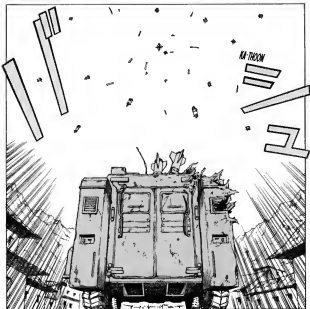












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# AFTERWORD

**People want to have mixed emotions. I'm not talking about philosophies, values, morals, or even loves. I mean raw emotions, including negative feelings, bundled all together. Everything. To share "fear," people willingly pay money to go see horror movies. So, it could be said that popularized and universally shared ideas equal emotion.**

Only, life isn't just about fun. If you live in this society, you will inevitably end up crashing into things that upset you. Sometimes I feel that there are more things I dislike out there than things I like. Many people could say the same, but every person differs. I am sure that there are those people who feel nothing but sorrow. Their emotions don't balance. That imbalance is the only pure inequality in the world.

We need to find an emotional balance, before that day when we can't feel nothing. We have to find the good and the bad and balance them out, making sure that we have equal parts of everything. If the sorrowful things are lost, then we won't be able to understand the happy things. If laughter is a cure for tension, then people must know what it is to be tense in order to have experienced laughter. (Of course, there are times when we laugh even though something isn't funny or the situation isn't tense.) If you take away pain, you also take away pleasure. (Although, for some people pain is pleasure.) Life is sometimes beautiful, I feel, because even if a friend dies, you're alive and therefore able to cry over the loss. It's that ability to "feel" that is so beautiful. You have to realize that it's a magnificent balancing act, and you have to learn to balance things before you are unable to feel anything at all.

Obviously, it would be nice if we felt nothing but happiness, but when you think about it realistically, it's probably impossible. That's why I think

any so-called "Utopia" will never happen. It's important to strive for such a thing, but if Utopia equals a world without sadness, then at the same time it must also equal a world without happiness. A world without feelings. A world without happiness, sadness, laughter, or anger . . . ? You can keep that world. I don't want it.

If there were "absolute truths" or "ultimate answers," then I guess we could all start to relax and learn to feel at ease all the time. But when I relax, I lose my nerve. If I was always at ease, I would wither away. If I have equality and balance in my happiness, sadness, laughter, and anger up until my death, then I know that I will die happy.

Honestly, I'm human, and I really, really hate any "difficult," sad feelings. I'm sick of them! So I try to put all of my feelings in order as best I can in my art. . . let's see if it works. . .

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